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TAGS: PFOR EAIR WB US UK FR UR SZ GE
SUBJECT: RADIO MOSCOW/RADIO GDR PROTEST PAN AM/WEST BERLIN-ZURICH
FLIGHTS

REF: A. USBERLIN 465? B. USBERLIN 497

1. SUMMARY: RADIO MOSCOW AND RADIO GDR REPORTED FEB.
18 THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAD MADE
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ALLIES ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PRO-
POSED PAN AM WEST BERLIN-ZURICH COMMERCIAL AIR
SERVICE. BOTH BROADCASTS REPORT THAT THE PROPOSED
SERVICE WOULD VIOLATE ESTABLISHED CORRIDOR REGIME AND THAT
SOVIETS HAVE WARNED THAT THE SAFETY OF SUCH FLIGHTS CANNOT
BE GUARANTEED. ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS STATED ALLIED
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INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS IN
CORRIDORS. END SUMMARY.

2. BORADCASTS BY RADIO GDR AND RADIO MOSCOW MONITORED
IN WEST BERLIN FEBRUARY 18 REPORT THAT SOVIETS HAVE
COMPLAINED TO ALLIES ON PROPOSED WEST BERLIN"ZURICH
FLIGHTS. WHILE RADIO GDR BORADCAST REPORTS ONLY HIGH-

LIGHTS OF SOVIET PROTEST, RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST
(PRESUMABLY MONITORED BY FBIS AND AVAILABLE TO DEPT)
SETS OUR ALMOST ALL POINTS CONTAINED IN SOVIET EMBASSY
STATEMENT (REF B).

3. BERLIN SENAT SPOKESMAN GUENTHER STRUVE, ISSUED
STATEMENT AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18 TO THE EFFECT THAT
ALLIED RIGHTS IN CORRIDORS, DATING FROM WARTIME AND
POSTWAR TIME AGREEMENTS, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RECOGNIZED
BY SOVIETS WHO DID NOT EVEN SEEK TO CHALLENGE THEM DURING
THE 1948-49 BLOCKADE. STRUVE STATED THAT IT WAS UP TO
THE ALLIES, WHO ALONE ARE COMPETENT IN DEALING WITH
MATTERS INVOLVING THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS, TO
DETERMINE HOW THEY WILL BE USED, AND THAT NO AMOUNT OF
EASTERN POLEMICS WILL CHANGE THAT FACT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PRSS QUERIES ALLIED (US) PRESS
SPOKESMAN IS SAYING FOLLOWING:
BEGIN TEXT:
THE ALLIES WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE
TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS
IN THE AIR CORRIDORS AS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.
END TEXT.

5. COMMENT: MISSION NOT YET CERTAIN WHY SOVIETS HAVE
CHOSEN TO GO PUBLIC ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. WE
WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN
WEST BERLIN AND DESTINATIONS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE
FRG HAVE BEEN FACT OF BERLIN LIFE FOR YEARS. LAST
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YEAR , FOR EXAMPLE, OVER 8,000 SUCH FLIGHTS WERE FLOWN
BY ALLIED CIVIL AIR CARRIERS. IN EACH CASE SOVIETS
DECLARED IN BERLIN AIR SAFETY CONTROL CENTER (BASC)
THAT THE " SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT WAS NOT GUARANTEED".
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